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## SERBIA INDEED ON LAST LEGS

Matter of Her "National Death"  
No Longer a Mere Rhetorical Phrase

IS TOO LATE TO SAVE NATION

Appeal to England Has Not Yet  
Brought Needed Relief—  
Chances Slim Now

BERLIN, Oct. 27.—Direct connection between the Austro-German forces in Serbia and the Bulgarian army of General Hryadjeff has been established on the Danube river to the east of Buzak, according to the official announcement given out today by the German army headquarters staff.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The desperate plight of the Serbians which has been described ever since the beginning of the Austro-German and Bulgarian invasions as "an affair of national life or death," is no longer a rhetorical phrase, but the literal truth. London optimism regarding the outcome of the Balkan conflict, which had been colored by reports of the determined Serbian resistance and the difficulties the invaders are meeting, has yielded to the conviction that it will take something in the nature of a miracle to avert a disaster for Serbia.

Lord Lansdowne's exposition of the Macedonian campaign in the house of lords Tuesday is regarded as no indication that the assistance the allies have been able to offer Serbia is not sufficient to meet her needs. The appeal of the Serbia premier to England "to do everything you can to ensure your troops reaching us as soon as possible" intimates the resistance of the Serbians is nearing its last stage. Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are now within twenty miles of each other. Southwest and southeast of Belgrade invading armies are advancing along a hundred mile front, 25 to 40 miles south of the Danube.

Analysis of the situation in regard to the Belgrade-Nish-Saloniki railroad shows that the Germans command the first fifty miles from Belgrade, the Serbians the next 150, the Bulgarians the next 100 and the French the last fifty miles to the Greek frontier.

No details have been received here concerning the reported capture by the Serbians of Velez. Whether free communication between Hungary and Bulgaria by way of the Danube has yet been established doubtful, but the proximity of the forces make communication at least imminent.

Dispatches continue to describe the intensely stubborn resistance of the Serbians. According to accounts which have reached here concerning the capture of Ukip, the Serbians defended every foot of ground furiously and no quarter was given on either side. Although the Bulgarians outnumbered the Serbians 10 to 1 only about 500 prisoners were captured.

South of the Pripest the Austrians are struggling to regain the initiative. The situation on other fronts shows no material change.

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## BRICKLAYERS MEET

Oil City of Okmulgee Scene of Convention for 1915

OKMULGEE, Oct. 27.—For the week Okmulgee is entertaining the organized bricklayers of the state. The purpose of the meeting is to revise by-laws of the organization, to adjust matters relating to dues, to elect officers, to confer with representatives of other crafts and to select the place for the next annual convention. There are 24 locals in the state. The president of the state organization is Samuel Maze of Tulsa; secretary, R. J. Vaughn of Muskogee; treasurer, Charles E. Holmes of El Reno.

## CARTOONED 'EM

An issue of the Cincinnati Times-Star, received here Tuesday, contains cartoons of Oklahoma's secretary of state, J. L. Lyon, and Col. W. B. Hinde, his assistant, who are attending the convention of state secretaries in the Ohio city.

## FIRST EDITOR K. C. STAR DIES

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Oct. 27.—Col. J. C. Moore, first editor of the old Kansas City Star, founder of a number of Colorado papers and first mayor of Denver, Colo., died here Wednesday, aged 84, from paralysis.

## THE TIMES WANT ADS

With every 20 cent Cash Want Ad you are given a ticket absolutely free, to see

## LITTLE EMMA BUNTING

"IN THE BLINDNESS OF VIRTUE"  
AT THE OVERHOLSER—BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE  
Read particulars in Classified Page this issue.

## WEIGHS 100 POUNDS REQUIRES DRAY

TULSA, Oct. 27.—Ordinary ambulance service was not sufficient when a local concern went to the French railway station to transfer Miss Ada Boy of Wyandotte, Okla., from the train to the Tulsa hospital last night. When the ambulance backed up to take the patient to the hospital it was found that she was too large to be placed inside and it was necessary to secure another mode of conveyance. After a consultation it was decided to press into service a dray and after one had been secured the cot upon which the invalid lay was transported through the streets.

It is stated by the people employed to carry the patient from the train to the hospital that she weighed 100 pounds and it was with difficulty that she was lifted from the train to the station platform. She is said to be one of the largest patients ever received at a local hospital.

## SUICIDE PLANS A SURE DEATH

Kidaro, Okla., Barber Employed Gas, Chloroform and Ice Box to Kill Himself

NEWKIRK, Okla., Oct. 27.—Kidaro, a village four miles south of this city, was the scene of a ghastly find Saturday afternoon when the town barber, A. B. Winkler, was found in an ice chest in an adjacent room to his place of business. He had been missing about 10 days and an offensive odor about the place led to a search. The body was badly decomposed. A bottle of chloroform was fastened about his neck and a gas jet had been run into the box through a small tube. Winkler was 54 years old. He left the following letter to tell his troubles:

## "CRUEL ECONOMY"

"The result is the present governor, having through his platform charged the former administration with having maintained 'unnecessary' officers and employees, and given the people his solemn promise to remedy the wrong, now finds himself in the ridiculous attitude of trying to remedy a wrong that never had existence, and, instead of abolishing offices, he has lent his powerful official influence to the creation of many additional positions. The reduction of salary of some \$1,500 clerk or overworked stenographer, whose salary is barely sufficient to sustain them in respectability, will not divert attention from actual conditions. From an editorial in the Daily Ardmoreite.

## STATE FIRE RECORD

There have been 68 fires reported from over the state to Fire Marshal Hammonds, about the same number as reported for the same period last year. Two oil fires in Creek county Monday caused an aggregate loss of \$11,000 in derricks, houses and tools. W. E. Shaffer's loss was reported at \$5,250, caused by lightning. D. D. Wartburg's loss was \$5,800, caused by the spark from a hammer. There was no insurance in either instance. There were not many tank fires in October this year, though frequent last year.

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## FIXED TO ASK MORRILL FUND

New Treasurer of Board of  
Agriculture Qualifies by  
Filing Required Bond

ORDERED WHAT TO DO

First Duty Will Be That of  
Demanding Turn-Over of  
Money Alexander Has

C. D. CAMPBELL, member of the state board of agriculture, Wednesday filed his bond of \$20,000 with President Frank Gault of the board, and is now treasurer of the board with authority to act. This is in compliance with a resolution passed by the board several days ago when Mr. Campbell was elected treasurer. He was also instructed to make a demand on State Treasurer W. L. Alexander for the \$10,000 of the Morrill fund now in the hands of the treasurer. Under a ruling of the attorney general this fund should be in the possession of the treasurer of the agricultural board, and for which President Gault has contended for some time. Demand will be made at once by Mr. Campbell for the money. Whether or not Treasurer Alexander will comply with the demand could not be learned from the treasurer's office Wednesday, as the formal note had not been received. "I do not see what else they can do," said President Gault. "I have complied with the law as suggested by the opinion from the attorney general. The treasurer of the board has been selected and qualified and it is between him and the state treasurer as to who shall have immediate possession of the fund, with the opinion of the attorney general to go by."

## DICKEY WANTS OUT

Prisoner in City Jail Says He Has  
Been Restrained of His Liberty for  
Long Time By Police Chief

Habens corpus proceedings against Chief of Police Nichols were filed in district court Wednesday by W. Dickey. Attorneys for Dickey claim that he was fined \$50 and given a sentence of 30 days in jail on August 15, and that in consideration of paying his fine, the sentence was nullified. It is charged that Chief Nichols has been holding him in the city jail since that time unlawfully, and even had the sentence run, it would have expired long since.

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## THE WEATHER

Fair weather tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature. A low pressure area of 29.5 inches is moving across the Gulf of Mexico, with high pressure areas of 30.5 inches over the United States. Light winds from the south along the Atlantic coast. Partly cloudy during the night. Moderate temperatures during the day. State of the country.

## Local Data

Highest temperature today 73.8  
Lowest temperature today 47.8  
Highest temperature this date last year 81.0  
Lowest temperature this date last year 29.0  
Average temperature this date last year 55.0  
25 years ago 51.0  
Lowest temperature this date last year 29.0  
25 years ago 25.0

## Comparative Precipitation

Precipitation for past 24 hours 1.00  
January 1 to this date 17.24  
January 1 to this date last year 15.09  
January 1 to this date this year 24.88  
January 1 to this date last year 28.87  
January 1 to this date this year 14.87  
January 1 to this date last year 27.28  
Normal to this date 27.28

## Washington Forecast

Okla. Fair tonight and Thursday. Kansas Fair tonight and Thursday. Omaha Fair tonight and Thursday. Louisiana Fair tonight and Thursday. West Texas Fair tonight and Thursday. Fair.

## BUZZ OF QUERY UP TO ASQUITH

Return to Duty of Premier to  
Be Marked by Blunt Popular  
Reminder

LONDON, Oct. 27.—When Premier Asquith returns to the house of commons Thursday, he will be asked whether unofficial exchanges of views have been carried on between Berlin and London with the possible object of the conclusion of an early peace and whether inquiries of similar nature have been made by official representa-

## HAS THE DAY PASSED?

The day has passed with intelligent people of Oklahoma when a pig-farm pledge is regarded simply as a vote-getting phrase, that can be laid aside and forgotten until the next campaign is on. Public officials can lay the platform aside, but they are powerless to ask the people to forget it. If, therefore, the voter inquires to what extent these promises have been fulfilled, he is clearly within his rights as a taxpayer, and should not be classed as a dissatisfied individual trying to hinder the governor in the administration of the people's affairs. If a Democrat has the temerity to ask this question, it is no proper or sufficient response to declare that he is disloyal and trying to embarrass the party.

## BUYING COTTON

Hristow Made Record Saturday When  
\$40,000 Was Paid Out for Staple in  
Single Day

BRISTOW, Oct. 27.—All records for "cotton days" were broken here last Saturday when there were from four hundred to five hundred loads of cotton on the streets during the day with the price for seed cotton ranging from \$5 to \$5.20 per hundred. There have been one or two other occasions in the history of the Bristow cotton market when a load reached the \$100 mark, but Saturday last there were a score or more loads that passed the century mark, one load bringing \$114.68.

## SPECIAL BENEDICTION ON POLAND HELPERS

Pope Benedict Sets Aside November 21  
as Day of Prayer and Offerings for  
the Poles

ROME, via Paris, Oct. 27.—The Oservatore, the Vatican organ, announces that Pope Benedict, sympathizing deeply with the heavy misfortune of Poland, has addressed the Catholic bishops throughout the world asking them to announce Sunday, November 21 as a day of prayer and offerings for the Poles. To all those helping, relieve Poland by word or deed the pope promises a special benediction.

## NAVAL PROGRAM IS INSUFFICIENT

Member of Naval Advisory  
Board Say 500 Million Out-  
lay Is Misleading

MEANS SLIGHT INCREASE

Henry A. Wood Wants U. S.  
Brought Up to Rank of  
Second Power on Seas

## NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Secretary

Daniels' naval program was criticized as wholly "insufficient" by Henry A. Wood, a member of the United States naval advisory board in a speech last night before the United States Naval Association. Mr. Wood is chairman of the committee on national preparedness and president of the Aero Club of America.

He called upon the administration at Washington to lay before the country a plan which would place the United States definitely in the position of the second naval power in the world. He urged that President Wilson tell the people what increases in the navy were necessary, how much the increase would cost and how soon a position as second naval power might be obtained.

Mr. Wood said that the number in which the national defense estimate, involving the expenditure of \$500,000,000 was announced indicates that the impression is sought to be given that an enormous sum is to be spent upon the navy. In reality he said, the increases actually to be made during the coming year are slight, while the five-year program was not binding upon future congresses.

## NEW HOSPITAL IS RICHLy ENDOWED

Million Dollar Maternity Institution  
With Working Fund of \$3,000,000 a  
Year Dedicated at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 27.—The Elizabeth Steel Magee maternity hospital was dedicated Wednesday. The institution, erected at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000, was provided for in the will of the late C. L. Magee for many years publisher of the Pittsburgh Times, as a memorial to his mother. It has an endowment of \$3,000,000 a year and one of its uses will be to care for unfortunate women, of whom no question may be asked.

## PLAYING WITH DOLLS, CHILD STRANGLES

SHAWNEE, Oct. 27.—Little Martha, the 16 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moore, while playing on the floor with her doll baby Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock, got choked on something, and in a few minutes was dead. The exact cause of the strangulation is not known. The little one was playing happily, and all of a sudden choked up and turned black in the face and before a physician could arrive passed away. What caused the strangulation is a mystery.

## A JUDAH K. C. MAN, DIES

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 27.—A Judah, for twenty-six years manager of the Grand theater in this city, died at his home here Tuesday night. He was 66 years of age and one of the oldest theatrical managers in the country.

## WATER RECORD GETS NEW MARK

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## CITY BOOMING—More October Connections Than Any Month in Six Years

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## Robber Explained Plot

As Othman walked back his guard told him the intention had been to stop the train north of the bridge, un couple the engine and two express cars, pull them over the bridge and burn it in order that the train could not be recaptured. The two robbers in

## Train Robbers Believed to Have Secured \$9000 in Hold-up Near Eufaula

Ten Men Rifle Express Car at Sid-  
ing—Two Had Boarded Train at  
Muskogee—Spent Two Hours  
Cracking Strong Boxes; Episode  
Characterized By Minute Execu-  
tion of Clever Plot Without  
Violence.

EUFULA, Okla., Oct. 27.—Three pos-  
sibles, one from Muskogee,  
one from this city and one from the state penitentiary at McAlester, the latter being led by bloodhounds, are beating the marshes and wild forests of the Canadian river bottoms near Anapa and are gradually working toward the Winding Stair mountains, in which are located the haunts of the old Davis gang of outlaws which terrorized eastern Oklahoma several years ago, in search of the band of seven men who early this morning held up and robbed M. K. and T. southbound passenger No. 9.

The holdup was one of the most desperate and best planned ever attempted even in this section, mired to deeds of daredevil handi-  
try. The robbers are thought to have secured about \$9,000 from the one American Express safe which they succeeded in opening before leaving.

At 9:30 this morning no reports had been received from the posses, whose numbers are swelled by hundreds of citizens, and the nature of the country into which the bandits escaped makes it possible that many hours will elapse before anything definite of the chase will become known.

The robbery was carried on with all the smoothness of a motion picture plot. Two of the robbers boarded the train at Muskogee, hid on the tops of the coaches and just when No. 9 reached a point south of Wells Switch, climbed into the cab and commanded the engineer and fireman, at the points of revolvers, to stop the engine. Outside, the five companions of the men on the train were waiting, and when the coaches came to a stop, boarded the steps and commanded the train crew to alight and line up. The passengers were compelled to file out of the coaches, also, but were not molested.

Three of the bandits stood guard over the crew and passengers, while the remaining four men proceeded to work on the express safes. No. 9 often carries large amounts of money and securities and it is thought that the robbers had been tipped off as to the presence of an unusually large shipment of currency. For nearly two hours the holdups worked at the safe, after having abandoned their attempts to open three others. The fourth safe finally yielded after five charges of nitroglycerine had been fired. The loot was then placed in sacks and the robbers disappeared into the half-light of dawn, after wishing the passengers and crew a sarcastic "good-night." It is said the robbers secured a quantity of valuable jewelry from the safe in addition to the money.

A freight in the rear of the passenger was flagged during the robbery and the crew commanded to line up alongside the crew of the passenger. One of the freight crew, however, escaped and gave the alarm, after running seven miles into Checotah. Immediately the telegraph wires carried the news of the robbery to adjoining cities and counties and officers started for the scene of the robbery, but the bandits had gone before the officers arrived.

Number Nine was held up in similar fashion at nearly the same place on October 29, 1912, three years lacking two days, from Wednesday's robbery.

William Klein, fireman on No. 15, northbound passenger from Oklahoma City, was firing on No. 9 at the time of the previous affair. The bandits got away with about \$7,500 on that occasion, he says. Several of the participants in the robbery of 1912 were arrested shortly after and convicted.

DENISON, TEX., Oct. 27.—At Muskogee, J. G. McFadden, fireman, noticed two men at a road crossing just as the train pulled out. He paid no attention to them. He believes now that these men boarded the train. The two who compelled the engineer to stop the train, he said, appeared to be about the same size as those seen at Muskogee. When the robbers climbed over the engine tank to the cab, Engineer E. O. Thomas and Fireman McFadden thought the men wanted them to stop, but when Thomas shut off steam, they commanded him to go ahead. Just across a small stream ahead of the train, Thomas could see a campfire with a band of men around it. At the approach of the train, these men left the fire and started towards the engine, which was stopped a few feet over the bridge. They surrounded the train and commanded the conductor to have the express messenger open the door of his car. The messenger hearing the conductor and believing he wanted an extra steam hose, as one had broken at Parsons, Kan., earlier on the run, opened the door. He looked into the muzzles of half a dozen guns.

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## LABOR TROUBLE CLOSES MILL

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Manufacturers said Tuesday night there was a possibility of trouble in the thirteen other mills near Greenville. Unless, it was said, were being formed to most of them.

## \$3,000 REWARD OFFERED

The corporation commission received a telegram Wednesday afternoon from W. E. Williams, general manager of the M. K. & T. railroad, that the Katy and the American Express company, jointly will pay a reward of \$3,000 for the arrest and conviction of all 10 of the bandits who held up a passenger train near Eufaula early Wednesday morning. The offer also covers the capture of individual members of the gang for whom a reward of \$500 each is posted.

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